

Group Memory from HOCC Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 2005, 1-4 p.m.

State Capitol, Room 309

I. Ahupua`a Power Point Presentation (Leimana)

Group members received a copy of the slide presentation.

II. Questions About the Ahupua`a Presentation

Q: Were the Konohiki empowered to care for the resources—or only the `Aha Councils?

A: The Konohiki were empowered, but that may not work in today's context. `Aha Councils may be more appropriate.

Q: Are any areas being managed as Ahupua`a today?

A: Waipa Valley, maybe Makua Valley

Q: What role do you think `Aha Councils would play in our community plans?

A: Start within each district by identifying Hawaiian cultural experts. Add people with other specialized knowledge—those with watershed management knowledge, for example.

Q: Do you see `Aha Councils *leading* the development of community plans?

A: Specific strategies need to be developed within communities. Leimana did not envision the `Aha Councils as leading the development of the community plans.

Q: Would `Aha Councils act as advisory groups or would they replace existing government structures?

A: Leimana saw the HOCC as helping to determine these types of details.

III. Discussion of the Items Under the Three Primary Categories of Recommendations

Developed from the Previous Meeting's Group Memory: What items can your agencies get behind and support with resources, and what is missing?

- *MACZAC*: We are an advisory group. We advocate for the public. The issues labeled as “MACZAC” issues were raised by the public at meetings. MACZAC can get behind all three areas.
- *Corps*: We are a regulated agency. Regarding the regulatory side of things, we can work with other agencies to streamline regulatory processes. Also interested in community outreach and cross-governmental collaboration.
- *DBEDT*: Under the “coastal development” category, cooperate with communities for issues around coastal access.
- *DOH*: Under “protection of natural and cultural resources,” streamlining the permitting process and permit review. Also protection plan for nearshore waters, especially in regards to water quality and cruise ships (we now have a State law). Also support beach nourishment, which again relates to permitting. Need to **add** a system to measure what

you have and whether what you're doing makes a difference. Also need to **add** development of budgets for these recommendations and the plan.

- *National Marine Sanctuary Program*: Can assist in all three areas. Specifically, Native Hawaiian subsistence gathering is part of Federal law that affects them. They also work with DLNR and support their work. And they can assist with funding, time, and energy—especially around subsistence.
- *NOAA*: NOAA would assist other groups but would not lead. Group member chose to “pass” on naming specific recommendations that NOAA could support.
- *County of Hawaii*: Under “protection of natural and cultural resources,” they would support processes that protect the shoreline from erosion. Under “coastal development,” coordinate with State and County around subsidizing areas, establish shoreline setbacks (would like to see more discussion around this). Need to **add** a piece about protecting and increasing public shoreline access, where appropriate.
- *National Resource Conservation Service*: This agency provides technical assistance and money for the control of pesticides, etc., coming off of agricultural and other lands. So they can get behind recommendations that have to do with the control of sediments and soil movement, taking cultural resources into account. Need to develop baseline maps of resources. They are not seeing enough emphasis on the agricultural zone.
- *OHA*: Supports all three categories, as long as the activity supports Native Hawaiian people. In writing recommendations, they can help with preparation and inclusion of Native Hawaiian language and themes. Need to **add** monitoring and assessing how things are working; nearshore and offshore fishing (under resource users); researching historic access rights; and aquaculture under “coastal development.”
- *School of Ocean Science and Technology at UH*: They can contribute scientific research and education to serve agencies, but they need to combine their resources with external funding. They can combine their science specialties to address *ecosystems*. They can develop baseline maps and use remote sensing. Regarding coastal setbacks, they can provide scientific research.
- *UH Sea Grant*: They support researchers working in Hawaiian communities. Their extension agents link communities with research in all three areas.
- *DLNR*: They are concerned that the former plan had an assignment of tasks but not buy-in from those assigned. Need to **add** a need for better organizational structures to ensure that all parties buy in to this plan so that parties don't see this “the State telling me what to do.” The plan is going to require multilateral support. Need to **add** the need for a system that seeks cooperation from these different groups and that says how groups will work together to implement the plan. DLNR can make a statement in the plan that they make a commitment to implementation.
- *U.S. Navy*: They can support the plan with research and funding, as long as it is allowed by regulation. Under “natural and cultural resources,” they support compatibility and collaboration around the plan. They also are interested in the tie between control of public access and protection of natural and cultural resources.
- *Maui County*: Regarding natural and cultural resources, they would like to see the establishment of zones. Regarding impervious surfaces, they want help with zoning overlays. They would like to see Ahupua'a boundaries on GIS. Need to **add** that everyone involved in implementing the plan should get the tools they need to do that

implementation. Regarding coastal development and setback issues, they are working together well with DLNR.

- *WPRFMC*: See this HOCC dialogue as essential. The Council is interested in essential fish habitat and how it is affected by coastal activities and development, indigenous rights and community development, conservation, fishermen safety when you alter the coastline. There are many areas they can bring to the table for open communication.
- *Q*: Is the HOCC gone after just one term? Or might it go to the legislature for continuation?
- *A*: The group can continue meeting.
- *AHCC*: They gave their recommendations during the Ahupua`a presentation.

IV. Continued Discussion Regarding Developing Specific Recommendations

- *MACZAC*: They are willing to convene working groups around particular issues or recommendations.
- Some groups already are working on some of these issues, so the group needs to consider whether they want to replicate those efforts.
- Regarding the October summit, the recommendations that this group comes up with will be added to recommendations from other groups so that there can be discussion about commonalities and identification of priorities for the short-, mid-, and long-term.
- *Office of Planning*: Appreciates the three themes. Perhaps the HOCC can focus on one, if this is what the group decides. The Office of Planning is looking for more specific recommendations—*how* do you do these things? They caution too large a shift toward land (without the ocean), though they recognize the importance of the connection between the two.
- *Q to the Office of Planning*: Would it be helpful for the HOCC to recommend specific strategies?
- *A*: We are looking for what would be appropriate at the State level, defining what is the level of State interest.
- *U.S. Navy*: The group seems to recommend to the Office of Planning that group collaboration be written into the plan.
- *Office of Planning*: We are interested in “what do you mean by these stated recommendations?” And also how to tie each issue back to the ocean. The group is going to have to make choices about which items to recommend.
- *School of Ocean Science and Technology at UH*: We need to **add** global climate change. Also how do we incorporate the `Aha Councils?
- It is up to the group to decide whether to incorporate `Aha Councils and, if so, develop specific recommendations around that.
- *Q*: What are the other two groups doing around the plan?
- *A*: The Office of Planning’s promise to the three groups is to be the communication link. They wanted broader input than from the HOCC. Currently, they have received no information from the other two groups to pass along to the HOCC.
- *Q*: How do the AHCC’s and MACZAC’s recommendations fit in?
- *A*: Those groups are already working on those recommendations. So does HOCC want to incorporate those or choose different ones to focus on?

- *AHCC*: We would like our recommendations to be added to the HOCC's.
- *Maui County*: Prioritizing is not fair because they are all good recommendations.
- *MACZAC*: MACZAC has not come up with recommendations yet. First we need to state what the problem is and why it's a big deal. MACZAC doesn't agree with all of the recommendations now listed.
- *DLNR*: A U.S. Ocean Action Plan has been "declared" by the President. So NOAA and others will have to work on the items covered under that Plan. Maybe other plans have good language already.
- *Office of Planning*: It's wise to be looking at the Federal level for commonalities.

V. Immediate Next Steps

- AHCC members attended the California Ocean Summit. They will report back on how to incorporate indigenous issues into language from that Summit.
- MACZAC will send out its white papers.
- Group members will look at the Coral Reef Task Force Charter, the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, and the California Ocean Summit, and other recommendations/resources that are pertinent to the three categories in order to determine how to flesh out these three categories.
- Dee Dee will send an email regarding setting up four future meetings, along with "homework" instructions.
- The summit is scheduled for Oct. 26 and 27 at the Convention Center in Honolulu.